

REMARKS

The Examiner discussed with Applicants' Attorney, Robert Voigt, on April 27, 2007, regarding the order from the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences remanding the case back to the Examiner. The Board indicated that claims 8-11, 21 and 31-34 are improper as these claims are multiple dependent claims which depend upon other multiple dependent claims. Applicants amended claims 8-11, 21 and 31-34, as indicated above, to remove the dependency upon multiple dependent claims.

Further, the Examiner discussed with Applicants' Attorney, Robert Voigt, on April 27, 2007, regarding amending independent computer program product claims 16, 22, 23, 24, 26 and 27 to include the aspect of being embodied in a computer readable medium. Applicants amended claims 16, 22, 23, 24, 26 and 27 to clarify that the claimed computer program product is embodied in a computer readable medium and not in response to cited prior art.

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